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TAGS: ETRN, PGOV

SUBJ: TRANSPORT MINISTRY ORGANIZATION

REF: STATE 104262

1. THE GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTER FOR TRANSPORTATION IS KURT GSCHIEDLE WHO IS ALSO MINISTER FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. OTHER KEY OFFICIALS ARE STATE SECRETARY HEINZ RUHNAU; PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY ERNST HAAR; PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY KURT JUNG; MINISTERIALDIRIGENT (ASSISTANT SECRETARY) PROF. BRUNO ARNOLD, HEAD OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICV SECTION; DR. GEORGE REHM, MINISTERIALDIREKTOR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION; MINISTERIAL-DIRIGENT DR. BECK, HEAD OF THE RAILWAYS SECTION. MAJOR PROGRAMS INCLUDE REORGANIZATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE RAILWAY SYSTEM INVOLVING REDUCING THE RAIL NETWORK FROM 23,500 KILOMETERS TO 17,500 KILOMETERS AND RAILWAY EMOLOYEES FROM 370,000 TO 315,000.

2. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A CAOITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PERIOD 1976 TO UNCLASSIFIED

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TO 1985. IT PROVIDES FOR INVESTMENTS AMOUNTING OF DM 110 BILLION IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET. DM 59 BILLION ARE FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF AUTOBAHNS AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS; DM 18 BILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW, MODERN RAILWAY LINES; DM 7 BILLION FOR NEW WATERWAYS, SUCH AS THE RHINE-MAIN-DANUBE WATERWAY AND CANALIZATION OF THE SAAR

RIVER; DM 21 BILLION FOR AIDS TO COMMUNITY ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO URBAN MASS TRANS-  
PORTATION PROJECTS (SUBWAY, LIGHT RAIL, BUS, ETC.);  
AND DM 5 BILLION FOR OTHER PURPOSES (INCLUDING  
TRAFFIC SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION).

3. AN ISSUE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO THE MINISTRY OF  
TRANSPORT IS THE USE OF UNECONOMICALLY LOW FREIGHT  
RATES BY SHIPS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND EAST EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES. MINISTER GSCHEIDLE INTENDS TO DISCUSS THIS  
SUBJECT AT A PLANNED VISIT IN MOSCOW IN THE LATE  
SUMMER OF 1977. ALSO THE FUTURE PARTICIPATION OF  
COMMUNIST FLAG VESSELS IN INLAND WATER-  
WAY SHIPPING ON THE RHINE-MAIN-DANUBE CONNECTION AND  
ESPECIALLY ON THE RHINE RIVER MAY BE BROUGHT UP  
IN MOSCOW.  
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